

Memorandum

Date : October 26, 2009

To : District Superintendents
Cooperating Association Liaisons (CALs)
Cooperating Associations

From : Department of Parks and Recreation
Interpretation and Education Division
John D. Mott

Subject : Partnership Skill Building - February 2010

The Cooperating Associations Partnership Skill Building course at the Mott Training Center in Pacific Grove will be Sunday, February 28 through Thursday, March 4, 2010.

With the expansion of enabling legislation for the Cooperating Associations Program, attendance at Partnership Skill Building is especially recommended for Cooperating Association Liaisons and cooperating association representatives.

As with past classes, individuals may attend by themselves. However, attending with your respective association partners will enhance your experience and increase collaboration and understanding between the department and the cooperating association. In previous classes, attendees commented that attending the training without their association or department representative was less valuable than attending with their respective representatives.

This class is designed to increase the effectiveness of the relationships between state parks and their respective cooperating associations. It will focus on partnership “basics” as well as the major changes in the program and how these changes developed. The attached documents contain detailed registration information for the class.

Some comments from the last year's class included:

- ◆ *Excellent illustrations and examples. The instructors were well informed, engaging, and knowledgeable.*
- ◆ *Great group exercises, lecturers and team-building exercises.*
- ◆ *Great materials, very useful information. I can't wait to implement new ideas with my board.*
- ◆ *Topics covered were relative to real needs and situations, speakers were very knowledgeable about subjects, good assembly of course material and topics, nice to have internet access in the training center,*
- ◆ *The last day was very helpful and allowed more discussion in important areas, the time is just about right.*
- ◆ *A privileged way to learn; accommodations and food were great; the area was beautiful.*

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I encourage you to attend Partnership Skill Building. I believe you will find it a beneficial resource in achieving shared goals between your association and State Parks.

If you would like an advance copy of the draft agenda or have other questions about the class, contact me by telephone at (916) 654-5397 or via email at jmott@parks.ca.gov. Registration and lodging questions should be directed to Sara M. Skinner, Training Specialist at the Mott Training Center who may be reached by telephone at (831) 649-2961 or via e-mail at sskinner@parks.ca.gov.

Attachment: Reg Info form PSB15.doc

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